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Minutes of the February 25, 2008 Regular School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Coppell Independent School District, #057-922, met in a regular session on February 25, 2008 in the Board Room of the Vonita White Administration Building, 200 S. Denton Tap Road in Coppell. The meeting was called to order by Kathie Gautille, Board President.

At 6:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

Members present: Kathie Gautille, President; Bennett Ratliff, Vice President; Cindy Warner, Secretary; Susie Kemp; Scott Orr; David Apple and Anthony Hill. A quorum was present.

Staff present: Dr. Jeff N. Turner, Superintendent; Kay Ryon, Assistant Secretary; Sid Grant; Kelly Penny; Judy Denman and Curriculum Staff

Notice of this meeting was posted on Friday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Closed Session as authorized under the Government Code of Texas, as allowed by Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney), Section 551.072 (deliberations regarding real property), and Section 551.074 (personnel matters)

At 7:40 p.m. President Gautille declared the Board in Open Session.

The invocation was given by Bennett Ratliff.

AWARDS

The following CHS band students were recognized for their selection to the All State Band:

Gloria An, Paul Blazek, Patrick Broadwell, Austin Ferguson, Shawn Izadi, William McKee, Kyle Murray, Michael Park, Roy Park, William Smith, and Han Yu

The CHS Band had more students selected to the All State Band than any other school in the Houston, Austin, or Dallas area.

Several outstanding and innovative teachers were awarded Education Foundation grants last fall. The Education Foundation presented more than \$58,000 among 14 grants across the district. The following grant recipients were recognized:

Bianca Coker from Coppell Middle School North received a \$3900 grant entitled “What we got here is a Failure to Communicate.”

Laila Sanguras from Coppell Middle School West received a \$720 grant entitled “W.E.B.S. (Women, Events, and Bold Sirs).”

Debbie Youngs and her team from Valley Ranch received a \$3000 grant entitled “iTube, uTube, WeeTube to Learn.”

D’Ann Green from Valley Ranch received a \$4900 grant entitled “Integrating and Inspiring.”

Terese Kitts and her team from Mockingbird Elementary received a \$4700 grant entitled “Suitcases & Passports...Let’s Go Travel the World.”

Kim Witt from Town Center Elementary received a \$5000 grant entitled “The Answer My Friend, is Blowin’ in the Wind.”

Jennifer Braafladt and her team from Mockingbird Elementary received a \$4700 grant entitled “Open Your Eyes, Open Your Mind to 4th Grade Math.”

Amanda Ashworth from Coppell Middle School East received a \$2900 grant entitled “Learning Garden: Where Dreams Blossom and Students Grow.”

Laura Bird and her team from Wilson Elementary received a \$5000 grant entitled “iRead, iWrite, iListen, iSpeak.”

Shelly Redding from Coppell High School received a \$1100 grant entitled “Teaching Students to Teach.”

Robert Gribble and his team from Coppell High School received a \$7500 grant entitled “Accelerating Accuracy.”

Leola Ross and her team from Valley Ranch Elementary received a \$4800 grant entitled “Podcasts, iPods, & eBooks...Oh My!”

Lynette Forston and her team from Mockingbird Elementary received a \$4900 grant entitled “Roping in Readers.”

Stephanie Hammons from Cottonwood Creek Elementary received a \$4500 grant entitled “M3 for the Well-Rounded Student.”

OPEN FORUM

No one addressed the Board of Trustees during the open forum.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORTS

President Gauthille reported on the continuing education hours for school board members. These hours were earned from February 2007 through February 2008.

All Board members have completed the requirement for Tier I training (Legislative Update for experienced Board members, and Texas Education Code Orientation and local district orientation for first year members).

The Board and Superintendent team have completed the required team-building session and assessment of their continuing education needs. This was done on February 4, 2008. The topic for the training was a personality leadership profile and goal setting for working together as a Team of Eight.

Tier III training requirements are additional continuing education hours (ten for first year board members, and five for experienced board members).

David Apple has completed the required hours.
Kathie Gauthille has exceeded the required hours.
Anthony Hill has exceeded the required hours.
Susie Kemp has exceeded the required hours.
Scott Orr has exceeded the required hours.
Bennett Ratliff has not completed the required hours.
Cindy Warner has exceeded the required hours.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to canvass the Board of Trustees election (for Place 4 and Place 5) at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 19, 2008. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner and Anthony Hill reported on the TASB Grassroots meeting that was held at Region 10 on February 13, 2008.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - The Superintendent did not give a report.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Dr. Mechelle Bryson, Director of Secondary Education, and Don Menzie, IB Coordinator, presented an update on the CHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Program including a overview of the program, the IB application process, staff development, and a vision of year two of the authorization process. The IB program is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009.

SENIOR SCHOLARS

An overview report highlighting major components of the Seniors Scholars: An Early College Experience at North Lake was given by Dr. Mechelle Bryson.

CHS STRATEGIC PLAN

Brad Hunt, Principal of Coppell High School, presented an update regarding strategic plan implementation for CHS for the 2007-08 school year.

CONSENT

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2008; February 4, 2008 (Team of 8); and February 11, 2008 meetings
2. Approve 2007-2008 budget amendments
3. Approve Financial Report for January 2008
4. Approve resolution regarding Texas Public Schools Week
5. Approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2008-2009 (authorizes filing of the Form 471 applications for funding year 2008-09 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services)
6. Approve revision to Board Policy CFB (LOCAL) to increase the capitalization threshold for Coppell ISD from \$500 to \$5,000 as recommended by auditors Rutherford, Taylor and Company, PC

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ACTION

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to approval a proposal by Chesapeake Energy (as presented by Robert Key) for the lease of mineral rights pending the finalization of all legal contract work. Cindy Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Scott Orr made a motion to adopt an order delegating authority to the President of the Board and Superintendent to execute statements expressing official intent to reimburse. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple moved that the Notice and Order calling a School Board Trustee Election be adopted as presented. Anthony Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Bennett Ratliff made a motion to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the Instruction Sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 82 with the following changes:

The Board of Trustees did not take action on Item IV - FN (LOCAL) Student Rights and Responsibilities; Item V - FNAA (LOCAL) Student Expression – Distribution of Nonschool Literature; and Item VI - GKDA (LOCAL) Nonschool Use of School Facilities – Distribution of Nonschool Literature.

Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

David Apple made a motion to amend policy FL (LOCAL) to include student rosters and class lists as “directory information.” Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to amend policy FMH (LOCAL) as presented to allow students who have completed all state and local graduation requirements but do not meet the standard for all exit level TAKS assessments to be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. David Apple seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The CISD Board of Trustees reached a consensus to pass on ACTION ITEM H (Discussion and possible action related to a lease amendment to the cellular tower lease with Crown Castle International).

Anthony Hill made a motion to accept resignations for CISD professional personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. Susie Kemp seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Cindy Warner made a motion to approve the renewal of Administrative staff contracts as recommended by the Superintendent. Bennett Ratliff seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Kathie Gautille, Board President

Cindy Warner, Secretary